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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

MUELLER, ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: **09/815,674**

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FOR: **NOVEL POLYMERS**

EXAMINER:

D. WILSON

ART UNIT: **1713**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

The Restriction/Election Requirement dated August 29, 2002 from Examiner D. Wilson of Art Unit 1713 has been received and reviewed. The following is in response thereto.

ELECTION

Applicants elect the invention of Group II (Claims 1 – 9) for examination.

As to the election of a single species, Applicants elect the prepolymer of Example 4, prepared from DMA (hydrophilic monomer), the crosslinker of Example 1, cysteamine hydrochloride (chain-transfer agent having a functional group), and acryloyl chloride (functional group reactive compound having a C-C double bond).